

The City Council of the City of Willis, Texas convened in special session via teleconference on the date and time aforesaid with the following members present:

Leonard Reed, Mayor
Thomas Belinoski, Mayor Pro-Tem
Terasas Herod, Council Member
Barney Stone, Council Member
Tom Luster, Council Member
Robert Evans, City Manager
Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary
James Nowak, Chief of Police
Taylor Whichard, Director of Public Works

And the following members absent: William Brown, constituting a quorum at which time the following business was transacted to-wit:

1. Call to order the special meeting.
Mayor called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.
2. Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance, and Invocation
I Pledge Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all. Honor the Texas Flag. I pledge allegiance to thee Texas; one state under God, one and indivisible.
City Secretary called roll: William Brown was absent. Pledges were recited, and Chief Nowak gave the invocation.
3. CITIZENS INQUIRY
 - a. Public Comments
No public comments.
4. PUBLIC HEARING
 - a. Public hearing on tax increase proposed by the governing body of City of Willis.
Mr. Evans stated that this was a repeat of the last hearing. You have to pass the rate seven days after the hearing and we were not able to do so. With this hearing we will be able to pass the rate at our next regular meeting. Mr. Evans stated we are proposing the voter approval rate of .6295. Mayor asked for questions or comments. None were received. Mayor closed the public hearing at 5:35 p.m.
5. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Discuss and take action on setting a public hearing for the FY 2020-2021 Budget on September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
Mr. Evans stated that in order to meet the deadlines we have to pass the budget before the tax rates, and we have to have a public hearing on the Budget before it is passed. Mayor asked for questions. None were received. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski to approve setting a public hearing on the FY 2020-2021 Budget on September 15, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. Barney Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
 - b. Discuss and take action on the selection of an administrator and engineering firm for the Community Development Block Grant – Mitigation (CDBG-MIT) from the General Land Office (GLO).
Mr. Whichard stated that the City had received RFQ's and RFP's for the GLO CDBG-MIT grant and based on the scoring staff recommended selecting Bleyl Engineering for the Engineering Services, and Public Management for Grant Administrator. Mayor asked for questions. None were received. Motion was made by Thomas Belinoski approve Bleyl Engineering Services, and Public Management for Grant Administrator for the CDBG-MIT Grant. Tom Luster seconded the motion. Mayor asked for questions. None were received. Motion passed unanimously.

6. REPORTS

Input from Council related to issues for possible inclusion on future agendas; related to issues such as (but not limited to) municipal projects, personnel, public property, development, and other city/public business.

Mr. Evans informed the Council of three candidates that were to be interviewed for the Finance Director position.

Mayor asked for staff to look into who was boring on the right-of-way on Martin Luther King

7. ADJOURN

Motion was made by Tom Luster to adjourn. Barney Stone seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. The meeting ended at 5:45 p.m.

Leonard Reed, Mayor

Marissa Quintanilla, City Secretary